THE PROBLEMS OF OUR TASK.

Intro: Let us test our task by means of the problem method.

I. The Problem of Child-Training.

1. The nature of habit-formation.
   - It is an organic process.
   - The purpose habit serves
     - It makes action take a definite fixed course requiring no attention or intelligence when once acquired, leaving the mind free for other matters.
     - It reduces fatigue to a minimum

2. The use and abuse of habit.
   - Only our routine, mechanical work should be done by habit.
   - The work requiring effort and intelligence should never be reduced to habit.

3. Habit and the child.

a, The best period for habit-formation.

'1'John Wanamaker,"A man's character is formed in in the first 20 years of his life."

'2' Wm.James: "Could the young but realize how soom they will become mere walking bundles of habits, they would give more heed to their conduct while in the plastic state. We are spinning our own fates, good or evil, and never to be undone. Every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its never-so-little scar. The drunken Rip Van Winkle in Jefferson's play excuses himself for every fresh derilection by saying,"I won't count this time!' Well, he may not count it, and a kind heaven may not count it; but it is being counted none the less.

II. The Problem of community evil.

1. The war has brot about a great revival.
   a. Of religion and lots of good.
      Letters from some of our boys.
   b. Of evil as well.
      Smoking, drinking, swearing, prize-fighting.
      After prohibition what? In the place of the saloon what?
2. The challenge of this problem to Vacaville.
   a. Are our pool halls and men's club a sufficient amusement and adequate training for your young men?
   b. Should there not be a community center in which boys and girls, men and women, mothers and fathers can meet in a proper atmosphere and be given proper social advantages?
   c. The stranger who comes to town?

Down among his nerve cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, registering and storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing that we ever do is, in strict scientific literalness, wiped out."

Success or failure in life, then, is being settled before the boy and girl are old enough to appreciate the meaning of their actions.

Characteristics of an efficient business man: Decision, Expert knowledge, judgment, Self-reliance, Concentration, Enthusiasm, Imagination, Executive ability.

And are not these characteristics necessary to efficiency in all our right living and doing?

Does not this problem of child-training challenge our S.S.?

Not in depreciation of what has been done.

The vacuum sweeper no insult to house-wife.

3. What can our church do to help in the solution of this problem?

III. The Problem of Alien population.

1. The Russian representatives from this country to Russia. Took with them their conception of U.S. formed on the east si de of N.Y.

2. If our Spanish living here in Vacaville, were sent to Spain to testify to their country, what would they say of us?

3. What ought we to do about this situation? What can we do?